

REMARKS

The present invention relates to a dual analyzer comprising a hydrogen-flame photometric analyzer and a hydrogen-flame ionization detector, and a method for analyzing a thin-layer chromatograph using hydrogen-flame photometry and hydrogen-flame ionization, whereby a compound containing a hetero atom can be selectively detected.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated that the previous response would not be entered, in that the Examiner did not accept Applicants' arguments distinguishing over the Brody reference; particularly, the Examiner pointed out that in claim 1 of the instant application there is no heat-resistant support and heat-resistant chromatography carrier being claimed. Therefore, the Examiner concluded that the prior art disclosed each and every limitation of previous claim 1.

In the present Amendment, Applicant has specifically amended claim 1 to specifically recite that the thin-layer chromatography element is composed of a heat-resistant support and a heat-resistant chromatography carrier, thus responding to the Examiner's comments in the Advisory Action, and, thus, claim 1 now does more clearly distinguish over the Brody reference. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1 and remaining dependent claims 3, 4, 5, 9, and 10 now clearly distinguish over the Brody reference, and are in condition for allowance.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)
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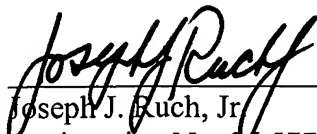
Also, since the only other rejection was a provisional double patenting rejection with respect to co-pending application number 10/893,217, it is respectfully submitted that the provisional rejection, being the only remaining rejection, should now be withdrawn in accordance with MPEP 804 (see page 800-19).

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 9, and 10 are now in condition for immediate allowance. Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

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